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In re Application of: Arenberg, et al.

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING THERAPEUTIC AGENTS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 2-month extension of time within which to
respond to the Final Office Action dated 02/23/04, such extension allowing the
undersigned until 07/23/04 to respond.

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